



Camden County Seeking Potential Telecommunications Partners

Camden County, through its eCamden Advisory Committee, is seeking proposals from potential telecommunications partners to help bring cost-effective telecommunications services to rural areas of Camden County.

At its April 22 meeting, the eCamden committee voted to seek proposals from possible telecommunications partners in addition to original partner for wireless services. The purpose for seeking additional proposals is to ascertain if the wireless proposal currently being considered is the most cost-effective means of providing high-speed data services (Internet) to Camden County residents and businesses. The request for proposals results from a presentation by Sprint requesting that Camden County partner with Sprint to use the County's State and local grant funds (approximately \$585,000) to purchase DSL-related equipment on a 50-50 basis with Sprint in lieu of constructing a wireless system.

Telecommunication providers are urged to contact: Carl Classen, County Manager Phone: 252-338-1919 Email: cclassen@ecamden.cc, as soon as possible for a review of the existing eCamden program, funding and goals and for ways that prospective telecommunications providers can make proposals to the eCamden Committee. Ten copies of a written proposal must be received by 4:00 PM on Monday, May 5 at County Manager's Office, P.O. Box 190, 117 North NC343, Camden, NC 27921. Firms making a proposal must make a presentation to the eCamden Committee on the afternoon of Friday, May 9, at the Courthouse Complex, Camden Village, NC. The total length of the presentation will depend upon the amount of number of proposals received.



Camden County Board of Commissioners Adopted Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance

At their April 21 meeting, the Board of Commissioners adopted *An Ordinance of the Camden County Board of Commissioners Defining and Regulating Peddlers and Solicitors*.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the door-to-door offering for sale and selling of goods, wares, merchandise, food, periodicals and services and to promote public safety and welfare of Camden County residents.

Applications for permits can be obtained from the Tax Dept., 117 North NC 343, Camden.

For more information, stop by the County Manager's Office for a copy of the Ordinance.

County Seeking Proposals to Remove Grain Silos and Equipment

Camden County is seeking non-monetary proposals from persons or firms wanting any or all of the facilities at the closed grain storage facility located at 112 Gumberry Road, Camden Village. Camden County will be receiving this property from the owner in May 2003. Proposals will be considered based upon how much of the facilities (equipment, grain silos, buildings, etc.) will be removed from the property. The County will select a single person or firm based upon the volume, scope and timing of facilities to be removed in the proposal. Evidence of insurance for removal of facilities and equipment should be submitted with the proposal.

Written proposals should be received no later than Friday, May 9, 2003 at the Office of the County Manager, P.O. Box 190, 117 North NC343, Camden, NC 27921. On the outside of the proposal envelope, the word "Gumberry" should be written. Proposals will be opened on Monday, May 12, 2003 in the Manager's Conference Room. For more information, please contact Carl Classen, County Manager, at 252-338-1919 or cclassen@ecamden.cc.

Camden High School Quiz Bowl Team Advances to State Competition

Congratulations are in order for the Camden County High School Quiz Bowl Team. They won the Regional Quiz Bowl Competition on March 22. The Camden County High School students will advance to the State Quiz Bowl on April 26. The WNC-TV film crew visited the high school on Monday, April 14, to film the team and interview them about the state competition. Be sure to tune in to PBS on Channel 2 Saturday, April 26, at 1:00 PM, to see the team in action and hear their interviews. The teams that they will be competing with are from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Brunswick County Schools



Jenna Burnham



Ms. Keisha Dobie, Advisor

Team Members:

Anthony Sawyer, Jacob Drahos, Chase Smith, William Sanders, Owen Hooper, Jenna Burnham, Sean Wigglesworth, Dan Wigglesworth, Chris McLean, and Matthew Prentis

Do You Need

Exterior or Interior Painting, Landscaping or Other Minor Repairs, and Can't Afford It?

A group of Michigan youth between the ages of 12 and 18 will be coming to aid local residents of Camden and Currituck Counties in July. Slated for July 14-18, 2003, the Michigan Workcamp will offer services to the low wealth population and non-profits. Services will include exterior and interior painting, landscaping and other minor repairs. The Workcamp is being sponsored by Northeastern Community Development Corporation (NCDC), a non-profit organization located in Camden County. NCDC is now accepting applications for potential work sites.

For more information, contact Carolyn Anderson, NCDC Program Coordinator at 252-338-5466.

Historical Camden Courthouse Renovation is just about complete. The deadline for getting your named brick is May 7th. The deadline for special donations and furnishings is June 20th.

Make sure you, your family, or your business is remembered for community service. Contact Clarann Mansfield, Finance Officer, immediately at 252-338-1919.

Mosquito Season will soon be here!

Start protecting your yard before the biting insects arrive.

For complete information about the Mosquito Magnet contact:
Albemarle Propane, 149 US Hwy. 158, 252-338-1900



Courthouse Restoration Moving Forward After Long Rain Delays

Gardner Company, the general contractor for the long-awaited restoration of the Camden County Historic Courthouse, announced recently that they will be working 6 to 7 days per week to get the project completed. Based upon a schedule given to the Architect and to the County, Gardner expects to complete the job by May 26 (Memorial Day).

County Manager Carl Classen explains that Memorial Day won't be moving day, though, as after the contractor is finished, the County will be making final improvements and moving in furnishings and equipment. Classen stated that, if the May 26 target is hit, the Commissioners should be holding their Board meetings in the renovated Courthouse by the first of July.

People interested in buying bricks for inclusion in the Courthouse Walkway need to contact Clarann Mansfield very quickly. The deadline for getting a engraved brick in the Courthouse walkway is May 7th. The deadline for benches and other furnishings is June 20th. For information about how to make a donation, please call Clara Mansfield, Finance Officer, at 252-338-1919 as soon as possible.

Attention All War Veterans of Camden County!

On Memorial Day, Camden High School students will be honoring all war veterans of Camden. This commemoration will be held on May 26, 2003 in front of Camden County Courthouse. We ask that the following people contact us: War Veterans, Widows of War Veterans, People who lived through the time of WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. People with historical facts, please contact us at 338-0114 to set up an interview or for more information. Please leave your full name.

CAMDEN COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS SHINE AT THE 19th ANNUAL ALBEMARLE SENIOR GAMES

April 14, 2003 the 19th Annual Senior Games were held in Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City State University. Nine area counties participate and Camden was well represented winning 14 medals and 6 Blue Ribbons.

Pictured below left to right are *Pennie Bailey* who won a Silver Medal for Football Throw and a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk. *Ken Segner* won 2 Gold Medals, Football Throw & Shot Put, 5 Silver Medals, 5K Walk, 100 Meter Dash,



Standing Long Jump, 200 Meter Dash Ken and the 1500 Meter Run Ken also won a Bronze in the Softball Throw and a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk. (The 1 Mile Walk is five times around the football field.) *Willistine McCloud* won a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk. *Joseph "Pine" Wilson* won a Gold Medal for Croquet and a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk. *Frances Abbott* won a Bronze Medals for Pool and Bowling and a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk. *Louise Segner* won a Gold Medal for 1500 Meter Walk and a Gold Medal for 5K and a Blue Ribbon for the 1 Mile Walk.

The remaining events in the Senior Games are The Silver Arts at Southgate Mall on May 2, and Golf, at The Sound Golf Links (Albemarle Plantation) on May 15, with a rain date of June 5.

When you see these proud Camden County Senior Citizens please congratulate them for proving that living a healthy an active life is very satisfying and rewarding.

" This is a good thing"

The Camden Babe Ruth Association would like to thank the family who made a private donation to sponsor a team. The team will be called "Camden Food Pantry". The name was chosen to bring awareness to the ever growing needs in our community.

THANK YOU!

**GOD BLESS OUR
CAMDEN COUNTY MEN.
OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.**

*JOHN KEVIN PIERCE, Air Force
BRANT SANDERLIN, Photographer
w/Atlanta Journal Constitution
ETHAN WESTBROOK, Navy, Persian Gulf*



Soon it will be Strawberry Season....Send your favorite Strawberry Recipe to Free Press, P. O. Box 190, Camden, NC 27921, Email: freepress@ecamden.cc or drop off your recipe at the South Camden Water Department, 117 North NC 343, Camden



STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE TRIFLE

4 C. fresh strawberries, sliced
1 C. granulated sugar
16 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 T. orange juice
3 C. whipping cream, whipped
1 (10 3/4 oz.) loaf frozen pound cake, thawed
3 (1 oz.) squares semisweet chocolate, grated
Additional strawberries

In a bowl, toss strawberries with 1/2 cup sugar; set aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, orange juice and remaining sugar until smooth. Fold in the whipped cream; set aside.

Drain strawberries, reserving juice; set the berries aside.

Cut cake into 1-inch cubes. Gently toss cake cubes with reserved juice. Place half the cake cubes in a 4-quart trifle dish or serving bowl. Top with one-third of the cream cheese mixture, half of the strawberries and half the grated chocolate. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cream cheese mixture. Garnish with chocolate curls and strawberries if desired. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

Yields 14 to 16 servings.

STRAWBERRY-BLUEBERRY SMOOTHIE

1/2 C. frozen blueberries
1 C. frozen strawberries
1 frozen banana (peel banana before freezing)
1 1/2 C. milk
1/2 C. frozen vanilla, strawberry or blueberry yogurt

Whirl all ingredients together in a blender until smooth. Serve immediately. Serves 3 to 4.

Don't forget to "Pick Your Own" strawberries at Williams' Strawberry Farm. Also you can stop by The Dusty Attic (see below) for antique Dishes to serve your Strawberry Cheesecake Trifle Dessert or pick up the Camden County Directory for other Antique Stores in the County.

Remember to "Shop Camden First"





Cross Rails 4-H Club Demonstrates for Camden Life Skills Class

4-H Demonstration By Erin Molthen

Dare Officer Tanya Lance brought the Life Skills class from Camden Middle School to watch a demonstration given by Cross Rails 4-H Club at Skippers Creek Farm on Friday, April 17th. Missy Gaddis and Jessica Gray decided to give the demonstration for one of their 4-H projects. They invited Kimmiee Green and myself to participate.

We showed the different types and styles of riding, including the type of clothes we wear to a show. Missy Gaddis demonstrated western pleasure, as well as her flashy western show outfit. The rest of us demonstrated English, or Huntseat riding, and we wore the traditional clothes. Each rider's demonstrations differed with the training and attitude of their horse. We also explained the different gates and style of gates each horse has. Thank you Forrest Bartlett and Robin Duncan for the use of Skippers Creek Farm.



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Next Meeting, April 29, 2003, 7- 9 pm

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Director of Albemarle Mental Center**

Horseshoe Cattle Club Members Get Ready For Livestock Show and Sale

Members of the Horseshoe Cattle Club have been hard at work getting their animals ready for the 58th Annual Livestock Show and Sale. While other students are enjoying their Spring Break, club members are working hard to get their steers ready for the livestock show and sale.



*Pictured are: Ricky Ballance, Crystal Sawyer,
Katie Weidrick, Ashley Russell and Shelby Russell.*

Stain Removal

Here are some general hints for removing stains. First, attend to the stain as soon as possible. The quicker the action, the more likely the stain will come out. Be sure to follow appropriate procedure for stains. Always read the fabric care label and follow instructions for use on the detergent or cleaner label. Test cleaning and bleaching agents on the fabric in an inconspicuous area before applying it to the stain to check for color change and fiber tolerance. Work with the stained side down on a clean, white absorbent blotter. As the stain is being removed, move the stained area to a clean place on the blotter. Removing a stain completely may take repeating a process several time. Do not dry stained garments in the dryer as heat will set many stains, making them impossible to remove. Putting together a basic home stain removal kit will prepare you to handle any unexpected stubborn stain.

These are a few items

you need to have on hand:

- 3% hydrogen peroxide,
- chlorine and non-chlorine bleach,
- white vinegar,
- rubbing alcohol;
- colorless, odorless ammonia;
- commercial cleaner such as Goof Off, M-1 Remover, K2r, Goo Gone or Guardsman's Afta;
- all-purpose liquid household cleaner, such as 409 or Mr. Clean; heavy duty liquid detergent,
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Camden County is soliciting requests for bids for Lead Risk Assessment Services for the 2002 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Housing Project. Persons or firms interested in submitting a bid for these services may contact: Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates, Grant Administrators at (252) 411-3913 for an informational packet which outlines the scope of the work. All bids are due by Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 1:00 PM at the office of Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates. Camden County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Females, small businesses, and minority-owned businesses are invited to submit bids. Camden County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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New Meeting Time For Camden County Board of Commissioners

First Mondays of the month the meeting will begin at 8:00 am in the Camden County Senior Center.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Monday, April 21, 2003, 7:00 pm.

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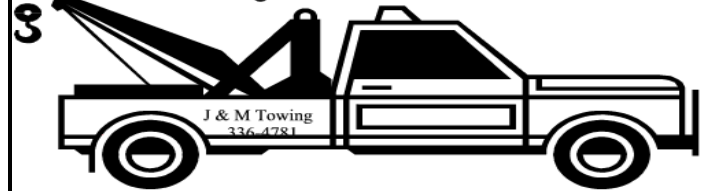
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